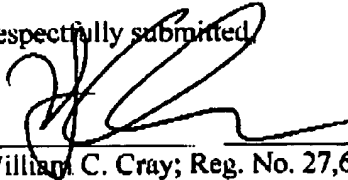


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USSN 10/798,740**REMARKS**

Claims 1-108, 128 and 131-162 stand allowed in the above-captioned application. Claims 93-108 have been amended to avoid possible unclarity in that it is not clear that the art would recognize a plasma formation from irradiation by a laser beam as constituting "ignition". Claims 131-138 have been amended to change the recitation "is" to the broader "comprises." These changes do not affect the scope of the claims except as to claims 131-138 which, to the extent possibly indefinite before amendment are broadened to cover that which the claim would not have covered before, but in terms of allowability over-the-art have not been changed.

Applicants do not believe that any further fees or charges are due in the above captioned application, but in the event that any are, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account 03-4060 for any such fees or charges.

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